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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on March 29, 2004, **FREDDIE E. PAYNE**, age 24, of Cambria, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. PAYNE, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with escaping from federal custody, was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment, 3 years supervised release and was fined \$150.

The investigation established that in 1998, PAYNE was sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. As part of PAYNE's sentence, PAYNE was housed at the Franklin-Williamson Human Services facility in Marion, Illinois. On April 6, 2003, PAYNE left the Franklin-Williamson Human Services facility without permission and failed to return. PAYNE was arrested on August 22, 2003, in Carbondale, Illinois. The 24 months' sentence that PAYNE received on his escape charge will be served consecutive to the sentence remaining on his drug offense.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Marshal's Service and the Carbondale Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.